Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Last year we gave Rs. 2,000 only.

President.—Mr. Ambooken, you have been there in the Pulaya Colony?

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—I have not gone there; I have only seen it from the train. Sir, how much has been spent for the acquisition charges and construction of the huts?

President.—To furnish all these details, we require notice.

The Government Gazette.

123. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any particular reason for the improper stitching of the sheets of the Government Gazette?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The allegation that the sheets of the Government Gazette are improperly stitched is denied.

Private works undertaken in the Government Press.

124. Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether private works are undertaken in the Government Press; and if so, what are the rates of different items of printing works?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Yes, at times, if they could be done without prejudice to Government work. The rates are given in *Appendix I.*

Increase of salary to the Registrar of the Chief Court.

125. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) what was the salary of the Registrar of the Chief Court in 1101;

(b) (1) what is the present salary,

(2) and if the salary has been increased since the budget session of 1101, what is the reason for increasing it,

(3) and whether this increase was given on the recommendation of the Special Finance Committee,

(4) and if not, whether the Special Finance Committee was consulted, and

(5) if not, why it was not consulted;

(c) whether the Commissioner of Police has not recommended to increase the pay of the Prosecuting Inspector; and if so, whether he did not recommend to increase the pay to that of a Circle Inspector;

(d) whether this matter was not brought to the attention of the Government at the budget session of 1101;

(e) (1) whether the salary of the Prosecuting Inspector has been raised since then,

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 124.)

Rates of different items of printing works.

		Rs.	A.	P.
1	(a) Visiting cards, first 100 copies	1	0	0
	(b) For every additional 100 copies or fraction thereof	0	3	0
2.	Letter heads, address labels and invitation cards in Malayalam up to 1/8 page foolscap.			
	(a) For printing 100 copies in black ink	1	8	0
	(b) For every additional 100 copies or fraction thereof	0	3	0
	(c) For changing ink	0	8	0
	(d) For gilt work, every 100 copies	0	8	0
3.	(a) Invitation and wedding cards in English up to 1/8 pages for every 100 in black ink	2	0	0
	(b) For every additional 100 copies or fraction thereof	0	3	0
	(c) For changing ink	0	8	0
	(d) For gilt work every 100	0	8	0
4.	Addresses in English and Malayalam with or without borders, not exceeding one page foolscap folio			
	(a) For every 100 copies in ordinary ink	3	0	0
	The rates in 2(b) and (c) will apply in this case also			
	(1) For gilt work for every 100	1	8	0
5.	Printing only of address in silk, every 5 copies	1	0	0
6.	Monogram printing every 100 or fraction thereof	1	0	0
7.	Letter paper pads (per pad)	0	4	0
	Book works.			
	For composing a page of 38 ems X65 ems. foolscap folio in 12 pt. types	2	8	0
	Composing one forme of 8 pt. in royal octavo size			
	Do do 12 pt.	8	0	0
	Do do 10 pt. do	10	0	0
	Do do 8 pt. do	12	0	0
	Printing 1,000 impressions	1	11	6

APPENDIX II.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 130.)

Letter dated 18th November 1926 from Abraham B. Salem, Esq., Member, Legislative Council, to the Diwan of Cochin.

Regarding Mattancheri Water Supply Scheme.

At the last budget session of the Cochin Legislative Council a sum of Rs. 35,000 was allotted for the purpose for supplying Alwaye water to Mattancheri. Since then, the matter has not progressed beyond the stage of contemplation, suggestions and investigations regarding various schemes for transporting water across the backwater, and for storing and distributing the same in Mattancheri. No doubt, a scheme like his must necessarily take some time before it is put into actual practice.

I now understand that the Government or the Chief Engineer are considering seriously to do the work of transporting water departmentally, and for that purpose, the purchase of a couple of power driven barges of ten thousand gallons capacity each, is under contemplation. I also gather that negotiations are now going on to get those barges built in Calcutta for the purpose, and the two barges are likely to cost the Government nearly 48 thousands of rupees when delivery is effected at Cochin

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